



RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY TO WORK WITH THE STATE TO ESTABLISH A COLLABORATIVE FUNDING PROCESS BY WHICH SERVICE PROVIDERS AND DEVELOPERS MAY APPLY FOR HOMELESS ASSISTANCE OR HOMELESS HOUSING FUNDS THROUGH A SINGLE COMBINED APPLICATION.

WHEREAS, homelessness is one of the most difficult problems facing our island community; and

WHEREAS, a recent State housing study found that 84,000 families in Hawaii struggle to house themselves, including many who are part of the homeless and hidden homeless population; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has estimated that in 2013 about 451 people out of every 100,000 in Hawaii were homeless, the highest per capita rate of all 50 states; and

WHEREAS, based on Honolulu Homeless Point-in-Time Count Reports, homelessness has increased on Oahu from 2009 to 2015 as follows:

- 1) The total number of homeless persons has increased 35%, from 3,638 in 2009 to 4,903 in 2015;
- 2) The number of chronically homeless persons, defined as unaccompanied adults with a disabling health or mental health condition, who have been homeless continuously for a year or more or have had at least four episodes of homelessness in the last three years, has increased 60%, from 486 in 2009 to 779 in 2015; and
- 3) The number of persons in homeless families has increased 28%, from 1,826 in 2009 to 2,340 in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City receives and coordinates the disbursement of four types of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") funds: 1) Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG"), Emergency Solutions Grants Program ("ESG"), Home Investment Partnerships Program ("HOME"), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program ("HOWPA"), to carry out a community development program primarily aimed at assisting low- to moderate-income individuals and families with housing needs; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, after the City failed to expend CDBG monies in a timely manner, HUD required the City to enter into a CDBG Workout Agreement which



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specifies that the City's project selection process is to involve: 1) Appointing members to the CDBG and HOME Projects Selection Committee, 2) Setting and approving funding priorities for HUD monies in the City's Consolidated Plan, and 3) Approving an annual action plan; and

WHEREAS, Section 9-205, Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu, 1973, and Chapter 6, Article 52, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, establishes a Grants in Aid ("GIA") fund and specifies an application process by which the City grants monies from the GIA fund to non-profit organizations that provide services to economically- or socially-disadvantaged populations; and

WHEREAS, the state of Hawaii also has funding initiatives to address homelessness, including the State Homeless Shelter Program, State Homeless Outreach Program, and Housing Placement Program; and

WHEREAS, unlike the current funding model in Honolulu and Hawaii that requires separate and unique applications to apply for and secure funding for programs targeting homeless and low-income persons, the state of Washington, since 2005, has authorized and implemented a collaborative combined funders application process through which applicants may apply for and access multiple sources of funding dedicated to homeless and housing programs; and

WHEREAS, in its 2015 Homeless Housing and Services Fund 2015 Progress Report (2006 – 2014) ("2015 Progress Report"), the state of Washington and King County, Washington's most populous county that includes the city of Seattle, reported that projects funded through the combined funders application process have been expedited and implemented in a timely fashion compared to the previous separate and jurisdictionally-specific funding application process; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Progress Report further noted that the combined funders approach has enabled King County to:

- 1) Serve approximately 2,600 homeless households;
- 2) Leverage \$65 million in additional private and public funding for homeless related initiatives;
- 3) Implement innovative efforts to address homelessness;



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- 4) Serve as a foundational component for coordinating local funding award processes, aligning priorities, and eliminating administrative inefficiencies; and
- 5) Facilitate the complete funding of homelessness projects by enabling funders to coordinate priorities and solicit all the requisite project information in a single application; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that it is critical that a streamlined, comprehensive and collaborative funding plan be developed between the State and the City that will more effectively and efficiently work to end homelessness on Oahu; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it requests the City to work with the State to establish a collaborative funding process by which service providers and developers may apply for homeless assistance or homeless housing funds through a single combined application; and



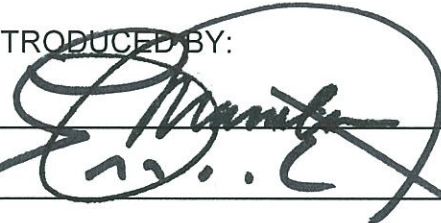
CITY COUNCIL
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No. 16-62

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Executive Director of the Office of Housing, the Director of Community Services, the Director of Budget and Finance, the Governor, and the State Homeless Coordinator.

INTRODUCED BY:



DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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Introduced: 03/04/16

By: JOEY MANAHAN


Committee: BUDGET

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Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

03/30/16	BUDGET	CR-99 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION.
04/20/16	COUNCIL	CR-99 AND RESOLUTION 16-62 WERE ADOPTED. 8 AYES: ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MARTIN, MENOR, OZAWA, PINE. 1 ABSENT: ANDERSON.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.


GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK


ERNEST Y. MARTIN, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER